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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. AT HIS BERLIN PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 26 ON BERLIN, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ALSO ANSWERED QUESTIONS ON VARIETY OF POLITICAL AND NON-CONFERENCE RELATED ECONOMIC TOPICS, INCLUDING FOLLOWING:

A) FRG/BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR REACTOR AGREEMENT. IN RESPONSE TO AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT' QUESTION ABOUT CRITICISM IN U.S. OF BRAZILIAN REACTOR DEAL, CHANCELLOR SAID CONFLICTING COMMERCIAL INTERESTS WERE AT PLAY HERE AND IT APPEARED CERTAIN COMPANIES HAD GOTTEN SOME U. S. JOURNALISTS AND REGRETTABLY SOME POLITICIANS TO RAISE CRITICAL QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, HE KNEW OF NO CRITICISM BY U.S. GOVERNMENT.

B) PROPOSED RUSSIAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO SERVE
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WEST BERLIN. CHANCELLOR SAID INTER-GOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSIONS

WERE STILL TAKING PLACE AS WELL AS TALKS BETWEEN FRG
COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AND USSR.

C) BERLIN ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS. CHANCELLOR REJECTED.
A SUGGESTION THAT INNER-GERMAN TALKS ON IMPROVEMENT OF
FRG-BERLIN TRANSPORT FACILITIES HAD BROKEN DOWN OVER FRG
LACK OF FUNDS FOR PROJECTS. HE SAID NEGOTIATIONS
WOULD LIKELY BE PROTRACTED, AND NOTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN FRG LAENDER OVER ROUTES FOR HIGHWAYS SOMETIMES TAKE
YEARS.

D) CSCE FINAL STAGE. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S REMARK
THAT PRESIDENT FORD SEEMED SLIGHTLY DOUBTFUL ABOUT IMMINENT
THIRD STAGE OF CSCE, CHANCELLOR EXPRESSED FIRM OPINION
THAT HELSINKI SUMMIT WOULD TAKE PLACE THIS SUMMER.SELIGMANN

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